

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-11, without prejudice.

Please amend claims 18 and 19 as follows:

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1 18. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 12 wherein the circuit is a current to  
2 voltage converter [and alternatively an ammeter].

1 19. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 12 wherein the electrically powered  
2 device is a copier [and alternatively a laser printer].

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Please add claims 20-32 as follows:

1 20. (New) The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the electrically powered device is a  
2 laser printer.

1 21. (New) The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the circuit is an ammeter.

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1 22. (New) A method comprising:  
2 monitoring an output of an electrically powered device; and  
3 comparing the output to a database of operating profiles for the electrically powered  
4 device to detect a first condition and to adjust billing charges when the electrically powered  
5 device is in the first condition.

1 23. (New) The method of claim 22, wherein the first condition is an abnormal  
2 condition.

1 24. (New) The method of claim 23, wherein the database of operating profiles  
2 includes regular operating profiles and abnormal operating profiles, each to denote an  
3 abnormal condition.

1 25. (New) The method of claim 23, wherein the database of operating profiles  
2 includes a plurality of power usage profiles.

1 26. (New) The method of claim 25, wherein each power usage profile is a  
2 function of amperage and time.

1 27. (New) The method of claim 26, wherein the abnormal condition is a paper  
2 jam.

1 28. (New) The method of claim 23, wherein the first condition is a catastrophic  
2 condition.

1 29. (New) A software module embodied for execution by a controller, the  
2 software module comprising:  
3 software to monitor an output of an electrically powered device; and  
4 software to compare the output to a plurality of power usage profiles for the  
5 electrically powered device to detect a first condition and to adjust billing charges when the  
6 electrically powered device is in the first condition.

1 30. (New) The software module of claim 29, wherein the electrically powered  
2 device is placed in the first condition in response to an abnormal operating condition.

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1            32.    (New) The software module of claim 29, wherein each power usage profile is  
2    a function of amperage and time.

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